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WHOSE BUSINESS IS IT?

There is a firmly established antagonism between the great mass of the people and the political boss. Any one is a political boss, in the estimation of these same citizens, who assumes or is given any leadership in political matters. All such, from James G. Blaine and David Bennett Hill even to those who solicit the attendance of a few friends at a primary meeting for any definite purpose, are bosses. Their interference is resented by many good people, and when the epithet "political" is applied to them, the vocabulary of contempt is usually exhausted. Now it is not to be denied that many political bosses, otherwise known as leaders, deserve all the wrath and contempt which can be concentrated upon them. But indiscriminate abuse in this, as in all other instances, not only defeats itself, but even brings aid, comfort and delight to the power of evil.

No great enterprise can be carried on without bosses. Disorganization accomplishes nothing, and organization in human affairs involves bosses. This is a simple truth, but seems hard for the ordinary citizen to grasp. The bosses being necessary, it only remains for the people to determine what kind of bosses. Bad ones come of themselves, like weeds; good ones must be sought and cultivated.

What is everybody's business is nobody's business, and for this reason, while there is little if any doubt that the worst sort of local bosses have long since determined upon candidates for Township Committee, it cannot be discovered that the taxpayers and householders of the township have done anything towards securing the services of competent men to oversee the township business the coming year. But it is particularly important that some leading citizen, with business experience and executive ability, should be elected as Committeeman-at-Large. Would it not be a good idea for some of the people, even at the risk of being called bosses, to get together and take it upon themselves to select and put forward some proper man for this highly important position?

Now and not the day after election is the time to take an interest in the township government. Cursing the air or some other intangible thing like the "present methods of township government" counts for nothing. But a few hours' earnest work by men with brains and no axes to grind will accomplish wonders.

Many matters of the greatest pecuniary importance to taxpayers are likely to come before the Township Committee next year, and a most earnest endeavor should be made to inject into it as much patriotism and business ability as circumstances allow.

They Cost Too Much.

The prevailing opinion seems to be that this town pays too much for gas and water. When an existing contract is about to expire the Town Committee is suddenly seized with an impulse to look around and see if the cost of public lighting cannot be reduced. The impulse is a laudable one, and the only fault to be found is with the late hour in which the Committee is seized with it. New bids are not called for in time to give the Committee an opportunity to examine into any new system that may be presented. The Montclair Gas and Water Company has been lenient with the town in respect to forcing the signing of a contract, and they have always expressed a willingness to await the Committee's pleasure. The Committee should not allow itself to be placed under obligations to the gas company.

For a Water Supply.

The only way that the Township Committee will probably receive a definite reply from the Orange Water Company in regard to the price at which the company will sell its plant to the town will be to fix a date on or before which the company must make known its terms, or else be entirely ignored by the Committee in all future action respecting the matter. Preparations for making a new water contract ought not to be delayed until the last moment. A grave responsibility rests on the sub-committee or single committeemen having this matter in charge.

A Popular Hunting Ground.

A very easy way to go a-hunting, and one very much in vogue nowadays, is to shoulder your gun on a Saturday afternoon and join the throng that always collect just outside Erb's grounds on Bloomfield Avenue. The people outside always outnumber those within the fence, and the former depend on the inaccuracies of the latter for their sport. The fence is full of holes, and the hunters watch at the cracks, gun in hand, until a bird flies free of the traps and the volleys of the inside marksmen. As it soars over the enclosure there is a banging of firearms from the crowd and the unfortunate fowl falls riddled with shot, to be scrambled for by a score or more, each maintaining that his shot reached the vital part. When the marksmen within the fence shoot well, the sport drags for the outsiders. There are often over a hundred of the latter, and they carry every species of fowling-piece imaginable. When a bird comes in sight, the din is deafening and not unlike the irregular firing of a company of militia. The knowledge that so many are waiting for them to fall puts the men who pay for the birds on their mettle. It is hard enough to miss a bird, but to know that every poor shot is to be published to the surrounding country by a perfect cannonade is extremely galling.—Sunday Call.

Bloomfield Division Instituted.

On Tuesday evening last Bloomfield Division, No. 7, Uniformed Rank, Knights of Pythias, was instituted in K. of H. Hall on Glenwood Avenue. Capt. C. Milton Stimus of East Orange was commissioned instituting officer, and was assisted by Col. Healy of Cincinnati, Col. G. H. Rhodes and Adj. F. H. Davis of Elizabeth, Lieut. Col. Polhemus of Plainfield, Col. C. V. N. Wilson of Long Branch, Capt. John A. Long, Lieut. Hitchcock, and W. H. De Mott of Newark, Lieut. Charles Hall of Jersey City, besides a large number of the members of Black Prince and Calanthe Divisions of Newark. The new division starts with a charter membership of thirty, and is officered as follows: Captain, Philip Bickler; First Lieutenant, Samuel Andrew; Herald, A. Day; Recorder, W. L. Tower; Treasurer, Joseph Reinheimer; Guard, Moses McKay; Sentinel, Herman Leuthausser.

After the instituting ceremonies, the Uniformed Knights, accompanied by Pierson Post Fife and Drum Corps, marched to Metz's Hall, where a collation was enjoyed.

A Grand Lodge to Meet in Bloomfield.

On Washington's Birthday the Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Knights and Ladies of Honor met in Bloomfield to engage a hall in which to hold the annual convention of that body on the 19th of April. William R. Raab's hall on Bloomfield Avenue was selected as being best adapted for the purpose. The Grand Trustees are Messrs. Seman of Jersey City, Newman of Newark, and John Causbrook of this town. There are three lodges of this order in Bloomfield, and committees have been appointed to receive and entertain the three hundred or more delegates from various parts of the State who will attend the Grand Lodge. After the business of the order has been attended to, the delegates will be feasted at a banquet, and the festivities will end with a grand ball. It has not as yet been decided where the banquet and ball will be held. Undoubtedly it will be a great day for Bloomfield, as the various lodges of this place have earned a wide reputation for entertaining visitors in a royal manner.

Second Ward Republican Club.

A special meeting of the Second Ward Republican Club was held in their rooms on Maple Street on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance. Thomas McGowan, Esq., and Fred. M. Davis were present and addressed the club. A motion was made and passed unanimously endorsing the nomination of William L. Johnson for Township Clerk. A committee of seven was appointed to prepare a ticket to be presented at the next meeting of the club next Tuesday evening. The club-room has been decorated with bunting and painted by the members. The new flag was put up on Monday.

Assaulted With a Dog.

Anthony Stankoskie of Franklin Road made complaint before Justice Post on Sunday night that Thomas Stillavage, residing in the same house, had committed an assault on his nine-year-old brother by picking up a live dog and striking him with it, knocking him down and bruising him considerably. Officer Foster arrested Stillavage, who told the Justice that he did not strike the boy intentionally. Justice Post released the man with a reprimand upon payment of costs.

To Help Build a Church in Palestine. A large audience gathered in the German Presbyterian Church on Park Avenue last Tuesday evening to hear the illustrated missionary lecture on "Palestine" by the Rev. Henry W. Selbert. A silver collection was taken up which will go toward building a church in Palestine.

A Larger Appropriation for Road Making. Twenty thousand dollars looks like a large sum to appropriate for stone roads. There are those who claim it can be done without increasing the tax rate.

Rose Coghlan at Miner's Next Week.

An attraction of importance will entertain the patrons of Miner's Theatre next week. Miss Rose Coghlan, who is a fine actress and exuberant comedienne, will be heard in her new comedy, "Dorothy's Dilemma," in which she has achieved signal success in the East and South, as well as in the West, if reliance may be placed upon the myriad of handsome things said of the play by the press. Miss Coghlan is an artist of acknowledged and fine attainments. In "Dorothy's Dilemma" many of her best powers are said to be called into action. Her public demands comedy and she responds with the masquerading Dorothy Baring. The chief interest in this rôle centres in her masquerading in the handsome uniform of a British dragon. Women who resort to pantaloons are necessarily handicapped by certain limitations, which need not be specified. Rose Coghlan is said to cleverly minimize these limitations, and to simulate the swagger and drawl of the typical English swell with much skill and with very amusing results.

At Waldmann's Next Week.

The Rentz-Santley Co. will be the attraction at Waldmann's Newark Opera-house next week. Following is clipped from the Press: "The Rentz-Santley Novelty and Burlesque Company gave a very clever performance at the Empire last night. From the opening until the end of the last act on the programme the audience was much amused. The performers were graceful and the gorgeous costumes adorned a number of handsome female figures. The fun making began with a musical extravaganza entitled, 'Follies of Man.' Miss Frances Wyatt personated a dashing millionaire who did not know what to do with his money. Miss Nellie Page figured as a prima-donna.

"Harbeck gave a very skillful juggling performance on a slack wire. She created wonder by the ease with which she juggled four lighted sticks. Miss Mamie Shepard and Bert Whiting made a very favorable impression in their new act. Whitney and Leonard as 'Ireland's Kings' were very amusing. A number of women dressed in Scotch kilts danced a hornpipe, after which Miss Lottie Elliot, of skipping-rope fame, gave a performance of grace and activity. Miss Nellie Harris and Will C. Matthews were funny. Harbeck, the 'Serpentine Wonder' twisted himself into many shapes.

"The performance ended with a spectacular burlesque, entitled 'The Nautch Girl.' The three Judge Brothers incidentally gave an excellent athletic exhibition. The rest of the skit was made up of dancers and songs by members of the company. It is the best burlesque and vaudeville performance ever given by this or any other company in Philadelphia."

List of Patents

Granted to New Jersey inventors this week, reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Solicitors of American and Foreign Patents, opp. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.: G. Baum, Newark, carroussel; W. E. Brook, Plainfield, portable building; R. S. Dobbie, Jersey City, electric arc lamp; R. Gorton, Plainfield, ash-lift; G. Hill, New Brunswick, valves for radiators or other heating apparatus; W. A. Johnston, Jersey City, mail-bag; F. P. Kirk, Hoboken, awning; S. A. Marker, Newark, harness-saddle; J. J. McBride, Ridgedale Park, elevator-hatchway; E. Post, Oakland, carriage-step; J. H. Reinhardt, Newark, consecutive-numbering machine; J. Simmons, Long Branch, latch.

Essex County Teachers' Association.

The fifty-ninth meeting of the Essex County Teachers' Association will be held in the East Orange High School next Saturday, with the following programme: at 9.30, opening exercises; 9.45, "Science Teaching in Grades below the High School," by Prof. Frederick Starr, of New York City; 10.45, "Ling System of Gymnastics" with class exercise, by Miss Freeston, East Orange High School; 11.10, "Common Sense in Manual Training," by Dr. Paul Hoffman, of New York.

A Chance for Our "Board of Trade."

An exchange says that it is said that D. H. McAlpin, manufacturer of tobacco in New York, contemplates removing his factory to Morristown. Over 1,000 persons are employed in the concern. Perhaps if inducements were offered to concerns of that kind, they might locate in this town. An increase of 1,000 in our population would prove a boon to our local business men.

Genuine Pluck.

A gentleman residing at Calais, Maine, who had been seriously sick for two weeks called his wife to his bedside at midnight and told her that he thought he was dying, and she had better send a messenger at once for his doctor. After waiting for two hours, and his doctor not putting in an appearance, he told his wife that his pains were so great he could not wait any longer, so he dressed himself and went after the doctor himself. Upon reaching home he was at once put to bed again. Looking at the surprised doctor he said, "Please give me my shoes." Taking them in his hand he said, "Doctor, this pair of shoes has saved my life four times, and I keep them beside my bed continually. They were made to order for me by J. S. Coward, 270 Greenwich Street, New York, and are known as 'Coward's Shoes.'"—Advt.

A Runaway.

While Michael N. Higgins was delivering ice at a residence on Liberty Street on Wednesday a number of school boys frightened his team and they dashed toward the Centre at a rapid rate, narrowly missing several vehicles in their flight. They were stopped in front of O'Neil's blacksmith shop before any damage had been done.

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Shell Rimmed Eyeglasses	1.00	.85
Steel Rimmed Eyeglasses, best quality	1.50	1.20
Gold Rimmed Eyeglasses	4.00	3.50
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